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Dear Rick,

Thank you for your letter dated 11th July. Unfortunately your reply did not address the issues we raised and we would therefore take this opportunity to reiterate the items with some further clarity, and we would be grateful if you would respond to each of these points.

It is important to stress that although we are committed to constructive consultation and progress, as we have clearly expressed, we have at no point made an official commitment to attend the workshop – presently labelled as a ‘Community Meeting’ – proposed by Jude Kelly and Nihal Arthanayake.

It is integral that all stakeholders understand the fundamental difference between the communities who are being offered improved additional space under Festival Wing designs, and Undercroft users who do not wish to leave a much-loved established space, especially given that the Southbank Centre has yet to demonstrate a move is even necessary.

There is significant public, political and media interest in the Undercroft; with over 26,000 registered LLSB members, over 59,000 petition signatures, and over 12,000 individual planning objections. Lambeth Council, who granted the planning application extension requested by the Southbank Centre, specifically refer to the Undercroft users in their official published materials as stakeholders who require further consultation with. No other users, stakeholder or community have been identified directly in the same way. I am sure you appreciate our concern that haste is not the primary objective, but a well-thought through and thorough plan of possibilities and options. To that end, we have requested that we be furnished with specific information pertaining to the content and intention of the workshop, with the opportunity to make suggested changes.

With regard to your commitment to a conduit to the Board, we highlighted our concerns that our position and first principles were not comprehended by the Governor of your

suggestion. The private meeting held between us gave us concern that there is a possibility of misrepresentation; especially given the public messages posted by Southbank Centre immediately after our meeting with Jude and Nihal. We noted the subsequent sensible removal of Nihal's "The Festival Wing has become a battle" public message, which was hosted on Southbank Centre official social media.

It is for these reasons, and in the name of progress, that we have requested a meeting with the Board, ahead of the workshop.

We very much look forward to your responses to the items we have indicated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Edwards-Wood', written in a cursive style.

Henry Edwards-Wood  
On behalf of the Long Live Southbank members and supporters